

COMMITTEE MINUTES for GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Date: February 22, 2007

Place: Legislative Dining Room

Convened: 2/22/2007
10:00 AM

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Adjourned: 2/22/2007
10:45 AM

Present: Senators Courtney-CH, Connolly-VC, Wieck-RM, Schmitz
Representatives Lensing-CH, Ford-VC, Watts-RM, Baudler, Olson, S., Swaim, Tymeson,
Whitead

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Lundby
Representative Berry

Chair Lensing called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Minutes were approved. Roll was taken and those absent were excused.

Representative Lensing introduced guest speaker Kathie Mabie, Grant Enterprise Management Systems (GEMS) Coordinator of the Department of Management. A brief historical background of GEMS and a review of the current two year pilot program, State Agency Grant Training and technical Assistance Program, was given. Handouts were referenced.

Representative Lensing recognized Charlie Leist of the Department of Human Services (DHS). Leist discussed his role within DHS and his work with GEMS in the grant application process.

Tony Girardi of Iowa College Student Aid Commission (ICSAC) was recognized, and discussed their involvement with the GEMS pilot program, noting both the professionalism and results of the project.

Sherry McCloskey of Homeland Security and Emergency Management was recognized for additional comments regarding the GEMS pilot project.

Guest speaker Mabie was recognized again for final comments, highlighting two areas in which GEMS requires legislative assistance in moving forward with their pilot project. The first area relates to the GEMS database and the second area relates to funding for year 2008.

Representative Lensing opened the floor for questioning by members. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Lensing opened the meeting for additional business.

Representative Baudler was recognized, and suggested that the committee consider continued attention to the CIETC issue. Senator Courtney agreed to contact the Attorney General regarding this matter.

Senator Wieck moved to arise, and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Representative Vicki Lensing

Lindsay Bland, Committee Secretary